# Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program (SCPGIP) Best Practices Pilot

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#### Purpose

- Create pilots with local and regional planning agencies;
- Supports development and/or implementation of a specific portion of:
  - Land use plans,
  - Land protection or management practices,
  - Or development projects,
- In order to:
  - Identify a best practice and create a replicable case study;
  - Formalize OPR ad-hoc technical guidance.



#### **Technical Assistance**

- Formalizes templates and process for OPR to work with local partners on best practices;
- Provides resources and technical guidance to local jurisdictions;
- Produces a series of replicable case studies;
- Informs State policy initiatives;
- Recognizes local leaders spearheading best practices around the state.



## **Targeted Funding**

- Proposed applications must support local implementation of state policies, with a focus on creating more resilient communities through climate adaptation and mitigation;
- Subset of Prop 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program
  - Principles, Objectives and Guidelines
- Expends portion of reverted Prop 84 funds
- Applicants may be awarded up to \$50,000 to support the development and/or implementation of a specific portion of a project or plan that highlights a best practice.



#### **Program Requirements**

- Proposals must reflect:
  - Prop 84 priorities
  - EO B-30-15
  - State Planning Priorities
  - Best Practices Pilot Objectives
- Identify a Best Practice Pilot Liaison with OPR
- Develop Case Study Report



# **Eligible Applicants**

- Cities
- Counties
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Joint Powers Authorities
- Councils of Governments



# **Example Projects**

- Climate Action or Adaptation Plan
- GHG Inventory
- Specific Area Plans
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Conservation Plans
- Infill Plans
- Targeted General Plan Update or Elements
- Greenprints



# **Application Requirements**

- Threshold requirements
- Competitive Grant
- Scored questions with criteria
- Separate Documents
  - Proposal summary
  - Civic Engagement Plan
  - Indicators and Tracking Progress
  - Work Plan
  - Budget Proposal



### **Disadvantaged Community Focus**

- Priority consideration will be given to those jurisdictions that meet the Proposition 84 definition of a disadvantaged community: 80% of California median household income, which is \$49,191.
- At least 75% of funds must go to a community that has one or more census tracts within the top 25% of **CalEnviroScreen 3.0** Disadvantaged Community status.
- Up to 25% of funds may go to a community that is suffering from drought impacts or lacks access to safe drinking water.



#### **Program Timeline**

- October Discussion and Pilot Revisions
- December SGC Meeting Consideration of Grant Guidelines
- If approved:
  - December 2016 release of Request for Proposals
  - January 2017 proposals due
  - February 2017 scoring
  - March 2017 award of small grants
  - Funds expended within two years



#### **Recommendation for Council Action**

Approve guidelines for Sustainable Communities Planning Grants & Incentives Program Best Practices Pilot, with the intent to issue a request for applications in December 2016, and authorize up to \$250,000 from Proposition 84 funds for this pilot.



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